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CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a downfall in the production of crude oil during April-June 2004;

(b) if so, the details of the production vis-Ã -vis the targets during the above said period;

(c) the percentage of downfall and the reasons therefore;

(d) whether the downfall in production of crude oil adversely affects the economy of the country; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. As against the crude oil production target of 8.304 MMT during April-June, 2004, the actual production was 8.485, MMT which is 102% of the target.

(c) &(d): Do not arise.

(e): Although, crude oil production was more than the target during the period April-June, 2004, efforts are continuously made to optimize oil production by way of Improved Oil Recovery (IOR), Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR), workover of sick wells, implementation of artificial lift, better reservoir management of existing fields, and other practices, besides exploring and developing new fields.